

Obituaries

Sep. 29, 2001

Edward D. Farren

Edward D. "Ned" Farren, 76, of Edgewater and formerly of Montgomery County, died of heart failure Sept. 20.

Mr. Farren retired in 1978 as president and chief executive officer of Seaboard Packaging Corp., A Bethesda-company founded by his late father Edward E. Farren.

Mr. Farren was born April 22, 1925, in Washington, D.C., and was raised on Thornapple Street in Chevy Chase. He attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and graduated from Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Va. He served in the U.S. Navy, in the Pacific Theater, during World War II.

He married Ruth Small, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lyndon Small of Bethesda. His wife died in 1963.

He was a life member of American Legion Post 226 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Annapolis.

He was an avid sports enthusiast who loved the outdoors.

Surviving are three sons, Edward L. Farren of the Philippines, Donald B. Farren of Kensington, and Kenneth T. Farren of Hamilton, Va.; one daughter, Marianne D. Brown of Edgewater; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and devoted friends.

Services were held earlier this month.

Marilyn Harper King

Marilyn Harper King, 74, of Silver Spring died Sept. 18, 2001, at Montgomery General Hospital, Olney. She was a homemaker and Sunday School teacher at Colesville Baptist Church, and a member of the Humane Society.

She is survived by children Vernon R. King Jr. of Washington Grove, Betty A. Pearson of Columbia, J. Edward King of Mt. Airy, Arthur L. King of Springfield, Va.; a sister, Kincheloe Bernhard, of Birmingham, Ala., and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Silver Spring. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, 2020 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or the American Cancer Society, 11323 Amherst Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

John Leland 'Jack' Acuff Jr.

John Leland "Jack" Acuff Jr., 69, of Hummelstown, Pa., and formerly of Darnestown, died Sept. 17, 2001, in Homeland Center, Harrisburg, Pa.

He was the president of Acuff Associates, Inc., of Gaithersburg; founded the Centennial Corporation of Gaithersburg and E.M. Spectrum, Inc., of Gaithersburg; graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and American University, Washington, D.C.; and was a member of Epworth Methodist Church, Gaithersburg.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Lytle Acuff; two daughters, Susan Acuff Wolfe of Silver Spring and Karen Acuff of Miami, Fla.; one son, Michael Acuff of Silver Spring; two step daughters, Kimberly Brown of Hummelstown and Kathi Davis of Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother, Byron and Rosie Acuff of Gaithersburg; one half-sister, Donna of Knoxville, Tenn.; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday in The Grace United Methodist Church, Hummelstown. The Rev. John A. Schaefer officiated. Burial was in the Hummelstown Cemetery.

Trefz & Bowser Funeral Home, Inc., 114 West Main St., Hummelstown, handled the arrangements.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 2001 North Front St., Building 2, Suite 321, Harrisburg, Pa. 17102 or to Homeland Center, 1901 North Fifth St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17102.

Elmira B. Cooper

Elmira B. Cooper, 88, of Gaithersburg, died Sept. 16, 2001, in Rockville Nursing Home, Rockville. She was born Aug. 8, 1913, in Philadelphia, Pa. She was a homemaker.

She attended Ursinus College. Mrs. Cooper was involved with Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, Grosse Point, Mich., Grosse Pointe Towne Club, Questers, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Michigan Metro Girl Scouts, MI-Chapter English Speaking Union.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Thomas A. Cooper. She is survived by three sons Thomas A. Cooper II of Marco Island, Fla., Keith B. Cooper of Wellsboro, Pa., Neil G. Cooper of Hillsborough, N.J.; and a

daughter, Priscilla C. Martysz of Gaithersburg; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rockville Nursing Home, Cooper Memorial Fund, 303 Adclare Road, Rockville, Md. 20850; Magruder High School Instrumental Music Dept., Cooper Memorial Scholarship, 5938 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, Md. 20855, Attn: Mark Eisenhower or Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, 610 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, Md. 20877, Attn: Cooper Memorial

DeVol Funeral Home, Gaithersburg, handled arrangements.

LaRue Y. Hawkins

LaRue Yvonne Stevenson Hawkins, 56, died Aug. 29, 2001, at Montgomery General Hospital.

She was the wife of Raymond J. Hawkins and the daughter of Louise W. and George F. Stevenson Sr.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by one son, Jamie S. Hawkins; one daughter, Kesha Y. Hawkins; two brothers, George F. Stevenson Jr. and his wife, Deborah, and Michael Stevenson and his wife, Nancy; five sisters, Betty Thompson and her husband, Wilbert, Edna Copeland, Doris Stevenson, Cecelia Gassaway and Marie Ramey; four godchildren; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, foster brothers and sisters, and friends.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7 at Emory Grove United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg.

Arrangements were handled by Snowden Funeral Home in Rockville.

A memorial fund has been established in honor of Ms. Hawkins. Donations can be made to Yvonne Stevenson Hawkins Memorial Fund, c/o Stevenson Group, 304 East Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, Md., 20877.

Leonard E. James

Mr. Leonard E. James of Silver Spring, formerly of Gaithersburg, died Sept. 20, 2001. He was the husband of Nadine James.

Surviving besides his wife are two sisters, Amanda Presley and Garnet Edith Price of Hagerstown; two brothers, Edward T. James of Gainesville, Fla., and Arbutus Langley of Hawthorne, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday at DeVol Funeral Home, Gaithersburg. Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1211 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 501, Washington, D.C. 20036.

William M. MacDonald

William M. MacDonald, 73, of Potomac, a University of Maryland professor emeritus of theoretical physics, died last week at Montgomery Hospice's Casey House in Rockville. He suffered from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Dr. MacDonald was born in Salem, Ohio, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh. He earned a doctorate from Princeton University under the guidance of Eugene P. Wigner, a Nobel Prize winner.

He conducted research at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Princeton's Project Matterhorn, and the Lawrence Berkeley Radiation Laboratory.

He joined the University of Maryland faculty in 1956. During sabbatical leaves he visited scientist at the Laboratoire Joliot-Curie in Paris, the United Kingdom's Atomic Energy Establishment, and the National Bureau of Standards (currently known as NIST) in Gaithersburg.

In 1967, he founded the University of Maryland's Theoretical Nuclear Physics Research Group. He was an early advocate of supercomputer centers for scientific research and served on the National Science Foundation committee that led to the establishment of four national supercomputer centers.

He also directed the Consortium for Upper-Level Physics Software (CUPS) Program, supported by the National Science Foundation, and co-authored a book, "The Manual for the CUPS Utilities."

He was a fellow of the American Physical Society and a member of the Washington Philosophical Society, the Federation of American Scientists and the International Wisemen's Club. He also was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church and helped found the church's Christmas food basket program.

His first marriage to Barbara Blakeley ended in divorce. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Rosemary; their two sons, Colin R. MacDonald of Arlington, Va., and Ian M. MacDonald of Stanford, Calif.; four children from his first marriage, Pamela L. Heinze of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Jeffrey D. MacDonald of Brandywine, Md., Melinda L. Harnett of Woodbridge, Va., and Todd D. MacDonald of LaPlata, Md.; and one brother, Robert B. MacDonald of Seabrook, Texas.